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Legal Birth Definition Act Passes Senate

Senator Van Woerkom votes YES to prevent partial birth abortions

LANSING – Legislation to create the definition of when a human begins is legally born passed the Senate yesterday on a 25 to 11 vote, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom announced. Senate Bill 395 creates the Legal Birth Definition Act and, in effect, will prevent partial birth abortions from taking place.

“Yesterday’s vote brings us one step closer to protecting all life,” said Van Woerkom, R-Muskegon. “I believe life begins at conception and this bill brings us closer to protecting the unborn. It is my hope this bill will be signed into law and establish Michigan as a leader in its efforts to preserve life.”

The legislation also gives the child legal protections once any part of that child is visible outside the mother’s body and demonstrates a detectable heartbeat, evidence of breathing or evidence of spontaneous movement.

The bill does not apply to those extremely rare situations where it may be used to preserve the life of the mother. Passing this legislation will put Michigan at the forefront of states that wish to make a bold and compassionate commitment to the preservation of life.

The Legal Birth Definition Act now goes to the Governor for a signature.

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Editor’s Note: Sen. Van Woerkom’s comments regarding SB 395 is available on the web at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire
The audio clip is also available via the telephone hotline.
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